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***Today's Program* – 'Up and Down Under with Australian Jewry'**

Peta Jones Pellach is Senior Fellow at the Kiverstein Institute, Director of Educational Activities for the Elijah Interfaith Institute, co-founder of Praying Together in Jerusalem, a teacher, a Scrabble fanatic and an Israeli folk-dancer. She made Aliyah from Australia, where she had a rich and varied career in Jewish education, formal and informal, and community involvement, a decade ago.

Foundation Greetings:

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS to:

Dan Shanit and Shlomo Khayat on February 6

Nuha Tannous on February 7

Benjamin Landau on February 9

Don Edelstein on February 10

Upcoming Events

12 February, tba

Foundation Thoughts of the Week:

When John Quincy Adams at 80, was asked how he was, he answered: " John Quincy Adams himself is very well, thank you. But the house he lives in is sadly dilapidated. It is tottering on its foundations. The walls are badly shattered and the

roof is worn; the building trembles with every wind, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it before very long. But he himself is very well."

We may totter and shake. but let us keep the Foundation strong. Support it and Donate!!!



The President's Corner

The groundhog (Marmota monax), also known as a woodchuck, is a rodent related to the squirrel. It is common in Canada and the northeastern United States; has brown fur and weighs between 2-6 kg. (Wikipedia, "groundhog")

North American folklore holds that on Groundhog's Day, 2 February, the groundhog comes out of hibernation. If it sees its shadow, it retreats to its burrow, indicating another six weeks of wintry weather. If it stays above ground, it is a forecast of an early spring.

Early this Sunday morning, 2 February, the view from my mirpeset was a largely overcast sky. Anything resembling a groundhog poking its head out of its hole, probably would not have seen its shadow. On a more scientific note, the Accuweather Jerusalem forecast for this February predicts that except for a few rainy days, with high temperatures of 6-8 degrees C., most days will see highs of 12-15 degrees C.

Israel has its own signs of spring, such as the 15th of Shvat (10 February 2020), the New Year for trees, dating back to Mishnaic times, when the almond trees begin to blossom and Darom Adom, when the red Anemones are already blooming in the Negev.

Robert Hammer



International Toast – Rotary Club of Napoli, Italy

Three historical events that happened on the day of our Rotary meeting on 5 February:

1916 Enrico Caruso records "O Solo Mio" for the Victor Talking Machine Co. Enrico Caruso (25 February 1873 – 2 August 1921) was an Italian operatic tenor. He sang to great acclaim at the major opera houses of Europe and the Americas, appearing in a wide variety of roles from the Italian and French repertoires that ranged from the lyric to the dramatic. One of the first major singing talents to be commercially recorded, Caruso made approximately 260 commercially released recordings from 1902 to 1920, which made him an international popular entertainment star.



Enrico Caruso



Notes of O Sole Mio



Sadat and Begin

1962 French President de Gaulle calls for Algeria's independence. The Algerian war from 1954 to 1962 led to Algeria winning its independence from France. An important decolonization war, it was a complex conflict characterized by guerrilla warfare, *maquis* fighting, and the use of torture. The conflict also became a civil war between the different communities and within the communities. The war took place mainly on the territory of Algeria, with repercussions in metropolitan France. France was backed by the USA. But as the war dragged on the French public turned sharply against the French participation in the war.

1980 Egyptian parliament votes to end boycott of Israel. The peace treaty between Egypt and Israel was signed 16 months after Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel in 1977 after intense negotiation. The main features of the treaty were mutual recognition, cessation of the state of war that had existed since the 1948 Arab–Israeli War, normalization of relations and the complete withdrawal by Israel of its armed forces and civilians from the Sinai Peninsula which Israel had captured during the Six-Day War in 1967. Egypt agreed to leave the area demilitarized. The agreement also provided for the free passage of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal, and recognition of the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba as international waterways. The normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt went into effect in January 1980. Ambassadors were exchanged in February. The boycott laws were repealed by Egypt's parliament the same month, and some trade began to develop, albeit less than Israel had hoped for. In March 1980 regular airline flights were inaugurated. Egypt also began supplying Israel with crude oil.

This week we are toasting the Rotary Club of Napoli, the birth city of Enrico Caruso on its legendary son. Rotary Club Napoli recently celebrated its 95th birthday. Congratulations!

Dieter Ziulkowski



Some other news

2020-21 presidential theme announced

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, to incoming district governors at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January. Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Moelln, Germany, is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

You can watch his speech at the International Assembly at:



International Assembly 20.1.2020 San Diego



Holger Knaack, President RI 2020-2021



One of our projects, past and present

From the Rotary Year 2017 - 2018:

Jerusalem Loves Animals

Jerusalem Loves Animals, a non profit organization, a 100% volunteer outfit, has, since its foundation in 2010, rescued over two thousand dogs, hundreds of cats, dozens of donkeys horses. sheep, chickens and lab rats. The organization holds adoption days once a week. 'Jerusalem Loves Animals' also offers the public the opportunity to become a foster family until a permanent adopting home is found.

JRC decided to support JLA, specifically to help with expenses of the organization's weekly adoption events, including expenses of social media and especially publicizing and appealing for adoptions using Facebook and live broadcasts from the field.



The Jerusalem Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. (13.00) at the Jerusalem International YMCA on King David Street. On the last Wednesday of every month it meets in the evening at 7 p.m. (19.00). NIS75 covers lunch/dinner, the Rotary program and a presentation by selected speakers. Kosher meals can be ordered until 90 minutes before the start of the meeting, by sending a message to our secretary 054-4295680. Visiting Rotarians and visitors are welcome.